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VA Western New York Healthcare Honors Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

National Police Week is observed May 13-19, with communities across the United States coming together to remember and honor all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind. Events will take place in Buffalo and Batavia in observance of the week.

The Police Officers at VA Western New York Healthcare System's Buffalo site, 3495 Bailey Avenue, will present a "Police Fair" in honor of all Police on Monday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Freedom Hall, Room 301. There will be a demonstrations and exhibits from agencies including VA Police, Border Patrol, Amherst, Niagara Falls and Lockport Police, Erie and Niagara County Sheriffs, New York State Police, FBI, and Niagara Falls Air Force Reserves. Ontario Provincial Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be present as well. The public is invited to attend.

On Wednesday, May 16, Batavia VA Police Officers will hold a ceremony at 9 a.m. at the Batavia site, 222 Richmond Avenue, at the flag pole, honoring all who have been lost in the line of duty.

VA Police have the same law enforcement powers and authority as State and Municipal Police Officers. They stand firm as the first line of defense against crime on VA facilities, protecting employees, contractors and volunteers, making it possible for them to serve and protect those who have served our great Nation.

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